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SUBJECT: FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S VISIT TO ROME;

EC MATTERS

SUMMARY: FONMIN GENSCHER'S VISIT TO ROME FEBRUARY 20 AND 21

REFLECTED MUCH HARMONY AND NO BASIC DISCORD BETWEEN ITALY

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AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. THIS TELEGRAM REPORTS EC ASPECTS

OF THE VISIT; SECURITY AND BILATERAL SUBJECTS ARE COVERED
BY SEPTELS. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL SOURCES GOI AND FRG CONSIDER GENSCHER
VISIT TO ROME AS ROUTINE BUT SUCCESSFUL. FONMIN RUMOR
COMMENTED LIGHTLY THAT "TRY AS WE MIGHT, WE COULD DISCOVER
NO AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT."

2. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. DE-NATIONALIZED EXPERTS FORMULA
FOR DIALOGUE WAS TO BE PROPOSED FEBRUARY 24 IN RIYADH AND
CAIRO BY ITALINS, ACTING FOR IRISH PRESIDENCY, AND IN
BEIRUT BY THE IRISH. GOI HAPPY TO HEAR VIA GENSCHER THAT
THE FLEXIBLE FORMULA WOULD GIVE SECRETARY KISSINGER NO
PROBLEMS " AS LONG AS IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE WILL BE NO
POLITICAL NATURE TO THE TALKS." SOURCE NOTED THAT A PLO
REP IN FRANCE HAD, ENCOURAGINGLY, INDICATED THAT THE FORMULA
MIGHT ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE TO ARAB SIDE.

3. ENERGY. ITALIANS WERE VERY INTERESTED IN GERMAN POSITION
ON A FLOOR PRICE FOR PETROLEUM AND ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS. ITALIANS HAVE TROUBLE WITH
ESTABLISHMENT OF FLOOR PRICE " AS THE AMERICANS KNOW," AND
BOTH SIDES BELIEVE CONFERENCE MUST NOT RPT NOT BE EXTENDED TO
RAW PRODUCTS OTHER THAN PETROLEUM. GENSCHER SAID FRG HAS
TAKEN NO DECISION ON FLOOR PRICE. HE OBSERVED THAT IF FLOOR
PRICE ADOPTED, IT WOULD SEEM THE LOWER THE BETTER. IN SUCH
CASE, HOWEVER, HE SAID THE FLOOR PRICE WOULD HAVE NO UTILITY.

4. CYPRUS. JOINT STATEMENT ON CYPRUS, ISSUED AT CLOSE OF
GENSCHER VISIT, A RESTATEMENT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S DUBLIN
STATEMENT, WAS GRG PROPOSAL WHICH MET WITH FULL ITALIAN
AGREEMENT.

5. UK IN THE EC. RUMOR SUGGESTED THAT, GIVEN IMPORTANCE
OF UK TO EC, OTHER EIGHT SHOULD BE "GENEROUS" ON BUDGETARY
QUESTION. GENSCHER, WHILE SUGGESTING PROBLEM WAS AS MUCH
CONSTITUTIONAL WITHIN BRITAIN AS IT IS FINANCIAL, AGREED
WITH RUMOR. SAID MUST SEEK A JUST SOLUTION SINCE A BRITISH
EXIT MIGHT BEGIN AN EROSIONARY PROCESS WITH INCALCULABLE
CONSEQUENCES. VOLPE
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